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LABOR WINS VICTORY IN INJUNCTION CASE

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Another victory in the long fight waged by the California State Federation of Labor against the "Hot Cargo" Act and its unconstitutional character was won in the suit filed by the Northwest Pacific Railroad Company against the Lumber and Sawmill Workers when Judge Mace denied a temporary injunction sought by the railroad company.

In this case, the suit was filed not by the Pacific Lumber Company whose employees have been on strike for many months, but by the Northwest Pacific Railroad against the Lumber and Sawmill Workers. Under the "Hot Cargo" Law, the employees of the railroad company were not parties to this action, nor was the Pacific Lumber Company. The action was the result of the railroad employees refusing to cross a picket line maintained by the striking Lumber and Sawmill Workers, and the railroad company alleged that it would be forced to reject or refuse to transport shipments tendered and would thus violate the statutes requiring that a carrier shall accept and transport all goods which may be offered it. A temporary restraining order was asked for by the attorneys for the railroad, but was refused by the trial judge.

TODD ARGUES CASE

The order to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be issued was argued before the Superior Court in Eureka, Judge Delos A. Mace presiding. Attorneys for the railroad company argued that there is an absolute obligation on a carrier to accept and transport goods and that an illegal picket line was being maintained, not only in violation of the "Hot Cargo" Act, but also with the purpose of forcing the railroad to disobey the law.

Clarence E. Todd, attorney for the California State Federation of Labor, represented that no law requires a carrier at all events to accept and transport goods, but it is only required to do so where reasonably possible, and that in many cases a strike has been held to constitute a reasonable excuse for failure to accept or transport shipments.

MAINTAIN RIGHTS

Arguing that railroad employees have the same constitutional rights as anyone else, the Federation's attorney attacked the unconstitutionality of the "Hot Cargo" Act as being in violation of the line of decisions rendered by the Supreme Court of California upholding the right of picketing and of boycott, both primary and secondary, as a constitutional right. Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States were also referred to by the same effect.

The attorneys for the company leaned heavily on the Rutter's Cafe case, which they claimed authorized a state to limit the right of picketing. The Federation's attorney rebutted that a reading of the entire decision in this case would establish that the decision recognized the right of picketing where there is an economic connection between the parties, and the decision expressly recognized the right to boycott a product.

Information was later received that Judge Mace had denied the temporary injunction sought by the railroad company.

Teamster Union Takes Over Big Brewery Local

Washington, D.C. The NULRB has certified Local 67, Beer & Soda Water Drivers (AFL) as collective bargaining agent for employees of seven Washington breweries after an election between the AFL and the Intl. Union of Brewery Workers (CIO). The AFL local is an affiliate of the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters.

Breweries covered were Anheuser-Busch, Inc., American Brewery, Inc., Natl. Brewery Co., Valley Forge Distributing Co., Gunther Brewing Co., David C. Tavan and Christian Heurich Brewing Co.

Green Says Seamen's Strike Attributable To Govt. Stupidity

Pittsburgh, Penn. Government "stupidity" was responsible for the nationwide AFL seamen's strike, AFL Pres. William Green said here in an address at the opening of the Operative Plasterers & Cement Finishers Intl. Assn. convention.

Attacking the Wage Stabilization Board, Green told the 500 delegates: "What we need is less government control in fixing wages. We want to be free men who can sell their labor under their terms and not be compelled to work for wages fixed by the government."

Labor Charges Lush Pickings In Insurance

By CARL HAESSLER

Detroit, Michigan.

What happens to the \$75,000,000 in easy money pocketed in Michigan in 1941-1944 by the private-profit group health and hospital insurance companies is exciting the indignant curiosity of state labor leaders.

Unions and State Commissioner of Insurance David A. Forbes agree that \$75,000,000 are the proceeds taken out of Michigan workers' paychecks by the insurance grabbers after a gross take of \$131,000,000 by the four largest insurance companies, who repaid only \$56,000,000 in medical and hospital benefits. Forbes makes some modification of the net but expresses his concern at the rakeoff.

Told by the insurance commissioner that present law could do nothing about the sky-high profits on human health, unions are asking the candidates for governor to take a stand in support of new legislation. Since insurance companies and their hosts of agents are among the most effective undercover political machines in the country it is not expected that Kim Sigler, Republican nominee, or Murray Van Wagener, Democrat, will take an unequivocal stand.

ONE FLAGRANT EXAMPLE

One insurance company, it was charged, "paid out as little as 19¢ for every premium dollar paid in." Most of the "tremendous sum represents excessive operating costs, high salaries, high-pressure promotions and huge profits," he told Forbes.

At the same time it became known that a number of Roman Catholic hospitals in the state had withdrawn from the Blue Cross group plan because, it was stated, they would not open their books to the Blue Cross examiners. Forbes had authorized the Blue Cross to boost its rate 35.3% last March. The profiteering figures cited "do not include hospital or medical service plans commonly referred to as Blue Cross plans," Forbes said.

No Security In Atomic Secrets, Says Scientist

Washington, D.C. In the atomic age there is no permanent basis for security in keeping secrets or in the national armaments, Chairman W. A. Higinbotham of the Federation of American Scientists said.

Higinbotham spoke for the science group in answering a charge by Admiral William Halsey that scientists during the war had tried out the atomic bomb as they might a new toy, and that keeping it secret might have been a better policy.

"Far from looking on the atomic bomb as a toy," Higinbotham said, "scientists know that the bomb has increased man's destructive power so much that another major war may very well saturate the defenses of civilization itself." They have been urging international control of atomic energy, he said, "as the only means by which this nation and others can regain their lost security."

The facts on which the bomb is based were known to scientists of all nations before the war, he said, turning reliance on secrecy as "an ostrich philosophy."

Accident Rate In Industries Continues High

Washington, D.C. Rising employment and a continuing high injury frequency rate brought total disabling work injuries up to 124,000 for the second quarter of 1946, Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

About 400 workers injured during the quarter have died, 5200 have some form of permanent physical impairment and 118,000 others lost at least a day each from work because of their injuries. Sawmills, planing mills and iron foundries have the highest injury frequency rate, BLS said.

Trick In Chemistry

Teacher had assigned water as the subject of a composition. One little tyke thought and thought, and then finally wrote: "Water is a white wet liquid which turns black when you wash in it."

Victory For Seamen Aid To Unions

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

With the reversal of the National Wage Stabilization Board's decision denying AFL seamen the full amount of a wage increase which had been arrived at through free collective bargaining, another governmental barrier to collective bargaining has been removed. This reversal by Reconversion Director Steelman meant that the AFL seamen could enjoy, on the East Coast, wage scales of \$10 per month higher than the CIO and on the West Coast, \$5 per month higher than the CIO.

On the pretext that the award to the CIO had set a pattern for increases on the maritime industry, the WSB had reduced the negotiated wage scale of the AFL sailors to the government-directed scale of the CIO. This deliberate wage cutting forced the AFL sailors to make the only kind of protest that a legitimate labor organization could make, and that was to strike. When the WSB refused to descend from the limb on which it had placed itself, Stabilization Director Steelman assumed jurisdiction in the case and reversed the WSB's decision, thus permitting the AFL sailors to receive their negotiated wage scale.

REVERSAL POLICY

In making this reversal, Steelman enunciated a new amendment to the government's wage stabilization policy, affecting those cases in which a governmental agency acts as employer. The new policy provides that when a majority of private employers in an industry agree upon a wage increase which will result in no increased cost to the consumer, the governmental agency can pay the higher wages without seeking approval of the National Wage Stabilization Board. In this case, it meant that the War Shipping Administration, which operates many of the ships, could pay the wage rates negotiated by the private shipowners, without approval.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific and the Seafarers International Union deserve the thanks of organized labor for thus having forced the government to take another step away from the bureaucratic setting of wage rates by government fiat.

Give a Contract, Get Mines Back Declares Lewis

Washington, D.C. If bituminous mine owners want to take back running of their property from the government they can make the United Mine Workers (AFL) a contract offer, UMW Pres. John L. Lewis indicated as the union opened negotiations with operators for return of the mines.

"We still would like to know what the operators have to offer in lieu of the existing government agreement," Lewis said, adding that if the government wants to retain the mines until a new contract is signed the next move is up to the owners.

Main issues over which operators are haggling are unionization of foremen, the 5¢ a ton royalty for the miners welfare fund, and the federal mine safety code which is part of the UMW government agreement. This, owners contend, would boost production costs in states where safety inspection is not rigid.

When Interior Sec. Krug and Lewis signed the contract ending the 2-month strike last May 29, the foremen issue was left for NLRB decision. Later the NLRB certified a UMW supervisory unit as bargaining agent for 136 workers at Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. captive coal mines.

Denver Rail Clerks Back on Job; Strike Ties Up Dept. Store

Denver, Colorado. Five hundred railway clerks, members of Local 2009, Bro. of Railway Clerks (AFL) returned to work for the Railway Express Agency here after a 24-hour work stoppage in which they announced their refusal to handle shipments for the truck May Co., one of Denver's largest department stores.

Some 800 May Co. clerks, with wide AFL support have been on strike here since Aug. 20 to increase their \$18.50 weekly wage average. The railway clerks returned to work after Railway Express agreed not to attempt further deliveries to the truck company.

Modern Linen at Salinas Won't Negotiate; Laundry Union Plans Quick Action

After waiting for several weeks for some favorable reply from Modern Linen Supply of Salinas, Laundry Workers Union 258 learned last week that the firm has decided not to negotiate with the union. Business Representative John W. Deer announced.

The Salinas labor council was to be asked to place the firm on Labor's official "We Don't Patronize" list, and quick action was promised by the union in the case. The labor council had referred the matter of the firm's attitude to its organizing committee earlier, without result. Deer said that the union's action may be to request all houses using linen in Salinas area to assist by refusing to accept linen not processed by union people.

It was recalled that in the past the Laundry Workers International Union has been called upon to supply linens in such cases, and that the international has a good supply on hand. It may become necessary for the union itself to enter the linen supply business, Deer said.

Lawrence Palacios, international official for the union, visited the union's meeting last week, at which time cleaning plant employees were invited to discuss their ideas with union officials prior to start of organizational work in this field.

A good crowd attended and told what they expected from the union, and in turn were informed by Palacios as to what the union could accomplish.

Butchers Decide To Buck Boss if He Gets Crooked

Philadelphia, Pa. If it's a choice between disobeying your boss or cheating the long-suffering consumer, then take the first, the Butcher Workmen's Joint Council (AFL) instructed its members in Philadelphia and South Jersey.

Store employees were instructed by the union to refuse to sell meat at illegal prices, even when so directed by their employers. Council Pres. Leon B. Schachter said the union will protect workers who are threatened with firing for refusing to violate OPA ceilings.

Any member who violates OPA regulations will be immediately expelled from the union, Schachter said, adding: "The Butchers Union will put all its strength against a return of the black market. Maintenance of OPA ceilings is as much the responsibility of store employees as of merchants and consumers."

Painters Work While Waiting Wage Decision

Painters of Salinas Local 1104 are back on the job following a protest strike against a decision of the Wage Stabilization Board at refusing to allow an increase in pay comparable to that won by painters elsewhere in Northern California.

The men are receiving \$1,625 per hour, while San Francisco Bay Area painters were granted an increase to \$1,75. Contractors in Salinas are reported willing to meet the increase if and when the Wage Board gives approval.

Carpenters Seek Wage Contracts With Dependents

A meeting was held between officials of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas and the independent contractors last week in an effort to establish the newly won wage increase with independents as well as with members of the Associated General Contractors.

George Harter, union business agent, said additional meetings are scheduled to iron out details of the wage agreement.

Fishing Good; Sardine Pack In Big Jump

Following the "light of the moon" this month, the sardine fishing fleet in Monterey found a good run of fish and the sardine pack has taken a great upsurge as result of heavy catches.

Union officials said 1000 tons of sardines were poured into hoppers of canneries on Monterey Row on Wednesday of last week and catches on other days were almost as good.

CARPENTERS SECRETARY SUCCUMBS

Louis Taft, financial secretary of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas for the past 21 years, passed away early last week following a stroke which had paralyzed one side before death delivered him.

Seventy-four years of age, Bro. Taft was the last charter member of the union, having affixed his name to the original charter of the organization in 1901 while he was an apprentice.

Brother Taft had served the union in various other offices from time to time. At one time he had been a shingling contractor.

His wife and two sons survive. Funeral was held on Monday, September 16, at Salinas.

Laborers Add Meeting Room To Union Hall

With the growing need for small meeting halls for labor unions in Salinas, Laborers Union 272, operators of the Salinas Labor Temple, last week renovated the old meeting room in the rear of the building.

Randolph Fenchel, president of Local 272, said the old meeting room, used years by the Building Trades Council, will be available for small groups.

Later the room may be turned into a card room for idle union members, he added, the room having been made into a card room some time ago but used only as a storage space in recent weeks.

LABORERS 690 GROWING FAST

Under the guidance of S. M. Thomas, new business agent, Laborers Union 690 of Monterey is showing unusual growth, it was reported last week.

During the first weeks of this month, 41 new members were accepted by initiation, and some 60 more applications for membership await union action, according to reports.

Brother Thomas also announced that the union will resume use of membership buttons starting October 1, and all union laborers henceforth will wear an official union button.

Baker Foods Signs Pact With Cannerys

Baker Food Products Co. of Santa Clara and Watsonville this week agreed to sign a union contract covering employees in plants of both cities.

Cannery Workers Union 679 of San Jose signed as representing employees of the Santa Clara canning plant, Edward Felley, union secretary reported.

Negotiations for the Watsonville plant, both the dehydration unit and cannery, were carried through by W. G. Kenyon, business agent for Fruit and Produce Warehousemen 890 of Salinas, which will represent workers in the Watsonville area.

DALE WARD ABOUT AGAIN

Dale Ward, financial secretary of Monterey Carpenters 1323, is recovering from his recent illness sufficiently to be up and around Monterey again.

He spends much time taking care of his insurance business and attended the last meeting of Local 1323.

Attends Confab

Pearl Robinson, secretary of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Alliance, Local 483 of Monterey, attended the statewide conference held by the international union at San Francisco last week-end, where International Secretary Hugo Ernst was visitor.

State Federation Takes Action on Ballot Proposals

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, California

The following constitutional amendments and initiative measures which will appear on the ballot at the general election on November 5 1946, are being supported by the California State Federation of Labor. All affiliated organizations are requested to inform their memberships accordingly and to mobilize support in behalf of these measures.

PROPOSITION No. 1. VETERANS' BOND ACT OF 1946

This Act provides for a bond issue of one hundred million dollars to be used by the Veterans' Welfare Board in assisting California war veterans to acquire farms and homes. This measure will be an effective means to give World War II veterans an opportunity to own a home or farm. A veteran may borrow up to \$7500 on a home worth not over \$10,000, and up to \$13,500 on a farm worth not over \$15,000. It is a sound form of financing, and past history indicates that this form of appropriation has not cost the taxpayers any money. It is the fulfillment of an obligation to the servicemen.

Vote YES on Proposition No. 1.

PROPOSITION No. 3. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This initiative proposes to amend Articles 9 and 13 of the State Constitution to provide as follows:

1. That a minimum annual salary of \$2400 per year be established for all teachers.

2. That the legislature shall appropriate into the State School Fund not less than \$120 per year for each pupil, on an average daily attendance basis.

3. That from such fund each public school district shall receive not less than \$90 per pupil, average daily attendance, and not less than \$2400 per year per district.

4. That local authorities be authorized to determine amount of money to be raised by local school district, etc., taxes.

5. That the transfer of any school or college to any authority not under the public school system be prohibited.

6. That as far as any portion of the state contribution made to a chartered city, etc., is concerned, which portion goes into a retirement fund, such shall be deemed a city, etc., contribution, and not a state contribution.

7. That from the revenues of the state shall first be set aside funds sufficient for the support of the state schools, and if that amount is insufficient and additional amounts cannot be raised by direct taxes on real and personal property because of constitutional prohibitions, additional funds shall be raised through any and all other lawful means.

Vote YES on Proposition No. 3.

PROPOSITION No. 4. BUSINESS LOANS FOR VETERANS

This proposition would amend Article 4, Section 31, of the State Constitution to allow use of state funds and credit for the purchase not only of veterans' homes and farms, but also of any business or any interest therein, supplies, equipment, machinery or tools to be used by a veteran in a gainful occupation.

Vote YES on Proposition No. 4.

PROPOSITION No. 11. FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ACT

This initiative declares it to be State policy that all persons have the right of equal opportunity to secure employment. To effect such policy, it makes it unlawful to refuse to hire, to discharge, or to discriminate in conditions of employment against any person because of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, establishes a commission to prevent such unlawful practices by conciliation or order and, education, provides for judicial review of the commission's orders, and appropriates sum for the commission. This initiative measure was endorsed by the 44th Annual Convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

Vote YES on Proposition No. 11.

PROPOSITION No. 16. REPEAL OF EDUCATIONAL POLL TAX

This measure would repeal Section 12, Article 13, of the Constitution, which now provides that the legislature shall levy a \$5.00 or more yearly educational poll tax on each male inhabitant, with certain exceptions, between the ages of 21 and 50, such tax to be paid into the State School Fund.

This is an unfair and unjust tax. A man who pays no property tax, but who pays \$5.00, perhaps many times \$5.00, in sales and gas taxes, should not be forced to pay a poll tax. The \$5.00 tax is a minimum. The constitution fixes no upper limit. Under it, the poll tax could be increased to \$25.00, or \$100, or even more a year. The amount bears no relation to a man's ability to pay. A man earning \$500 a year would have to pay the same amount of poll tax as the man earning \$5000 or \$10,000 a year. A vote in favor of this proposition would make it impossible to apply this mandate, even though the legislature has wisely refrained from levying this tax. The Council voted to support Proposition No. 16.

Vote YES on No. 16.

The Executive Council IS OPPOSED to the following proposition: PROPOSITION No. 12. AMENDMENT OF LAWS ADOPTED BY INITIATIVE

This proposes an amendment to Article 4 of the State Constitution allowing the legislature either to amend or repeal any initiative, provided the repeal or amendment shall be submitted to the people in the manner and method prescribed by the legislature.

In view of the fact that the theory of the initiative was to allow the people to legislate directly where they desire, this would appear to have the effect of allowing the legislature a similar right of referendum on all initiatives.

The initiative, the referendum and the recall have long been weapons for the use of our people in a continuous fight to protect the people's interests against predatory interests. The Executive Council was of the opinion that this amendment would weaken the initiative by making it possible for the legislature to change, repeal, or weaken any law adopted by vote of the people. It would have far-reaching effects in repealing or nullifying many of the good laws adopted by popular vote. The Executive Council voted to oppose Proposition No. 12.

Vote NO on Proposition No. 12.

Doings at Coal Parley



The government, the United Mine Workers (AFL) and the soft coal mine owners are negotiating for return of the nation's bituminous coal mines to private ownership. Smiling are (l. to r.) Charles O'Neil, representing operators; Adm. Ben Morell, present government administrator and John L. Lewis, mine workers president.—(Federated Pictures.)

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The Labor Editor Speaks

HOOVER WEEPS FOR GERMANY
Because we think it hits the nail right smack on the head, we are presenting the following "guest editorial" by Lester M. Hunt which appears in the current issue of "The International Teamster," official monthly organ of the International Teamsters Union:

"Herbert Hoover has returned from a tour of the world with the warning that if we are too tough on the Germans there will be another 'world explosion'."

"What does he think caused the last two explosions? Certainly it was not being too severe on the Germans. We smothered them with kindness after the first world war. We let them rebuild their war industries and their armaments until they were ready for another war. Then they put the gun in our ribs."

"It was Hoover, this present prophet of alarm, who also warned us against being tough with Germany in 1941 when she had once again set the world on fire."

"President Roosevelt was attempting to prepare us for the inevitable attack by rebuilding the armed forces that Hoover had permitted to waste away."

"Hoover resisted these efforts. Only six months before Pearl Harbor he issued another warning. He said:

"Does any sane person believe that by military means we can defeat two-thirds of the military power of the whole world, even in years and years? It would be a Children's Crusade."

"Well, we did it, in spite of Hoover's fears and propaganda. We also did it in spite of Hoover. Hoover gave us no help in that hour of crisis. Instead, he actually hindered us by painting a picture of hopefulness."

"Hoover's predictions ought to be old stuff by this time. Remember when he put on his turban and saw prosperity just around the corner? We were all pretty hungry then and our shoes were thin."

"This is the same Hoover who promised a chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage when he wanted to be President."

"Remember that one?"

"Hoover was elected President largely on the record he established as a great humanitarian by feeding the starving Europeans of the World War I era, at our expense."

"But when hunger hit this country under Hoover's miserable administration, he cast aside his cloak of humanitarianism. He said the feeding of the hungry was a local problem. He shrugged off the responsibility of the federal government."

"Let them eat cake," he might as well have said.

"They didn't eat cake and many of them didn't eat bread, either, until Hoover had gone his way, leaving little, shallow footprints on the sands of time."

"Hoover, who wants to feed Germans but who would not feed Americans, now comes back from another trip to Europe with another effort to capture the headlines in the newspapers."

"He says that Russia has Fifth Columns at work 'spreading confusion' around the world. We can't recall that Hoover ever warned us of German Fifth Columns while Germany was making ready for one of her periodic wars of conquest."

"How come he can see a Fifth Column now, when he couldn't see one then? Maybe he sees better at a distance. He saw people starving in Belgium when he couldn't see them in Baltimore."

"And he couldn't see a German Fifth Column in Massachusetts. But he sees a Russian one in Moscow."

"Hoover has evidently become the spokesman for a soft peace for Germany. He wants the nation to remain intact with its people well fed. He forgets that Germany voluntarily rejected butter for guns in deliberate preparation for World War II. Or does he?"

"Perhaps he is so afraid of Russia he wants to rebuild Germany as a military barrier against Russia. That's what a lot of French and British statesmen tried to do after World War I. They wanted Germany strong enough to fight. But when she was, she didn't attack Russia. She attacked them."

"What makes Hoover think that if we rebuild Germany now and give her the power to support her arrogance, that she will not fight us again?"

"How many times must we fight Germany before we cease patting her on the back and kicking ourselves that she is a peace-loving nation?"

"Didn't the Germans kill enough American boys in World War I and World War II without inviting her to try for a better record in World War III?"

"Hoover is alarmed because Russia is suspicious of the other powers. Why wouldn't she be? She has been invaded by the Swedes, the French, the British, the Germans, the Japanese and the Americans."

"Maybe she is sick of fighting on her own soil."

"The United States still cherishes resentment over its invasion by the British in 1776. Why should Russian memories, and Russian resentment, be shorter than our own, particularly when the invasions have been repeated by so many nations?"

"Perhaps, as Hoover says, the world is headed for a new explosion. But it won't be averted by Hoover and his walling in the wind."

"Neither will it be averted by pinning our hopes on Germany to save us. It will be hastened, Germany doesn't avert wars. She starts them."

"The first order of business in the intricate task of liquidating this war without starting another is to put Germany permanently on the sidelines. Her ability to wage war should be destroyed, no matter how painful it is to the German people or to Hoover."

"With Germany out of action the chances for another war are substantially less. And even if there is one, it will not be as cruel or as savage, if she is out of it."

"Why should anybody think that in another war, Germany would be on our side? She never has been. She never will be."

"If Hoover wants to do a good deed for somebody, let him go down to Georgia and Mississippi. They need help down there. There's a Fifth Column at work. Or is that one all right?"

STORM WARNING

Total debt of the nation and states approximates \$325 billion. Total assessed valuation of the property of the nation is approximately the same figure.

Historians tell us that no government in such a financial condition ever survived. The debt simply never was paid.

This nation will need wise, sane, unselfish guidance. That means:

- Heavy taxes, based on ability to pay—
- Heavy production—
- Full employment—
- Sound financing—
- No more wars—
- No panics or "depressions"—
- Honest officials—
- No unnecessary government expenditures.

Above all, we need the wisest possible statesmanship at this critical time to improve the steadily worsening relations among the Big Three, to eliminate "blobs," to quiet old suspicions. We may emerge from World War III as "victors," but another such debt on top of the one we have will wreck our social structure.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

ONE WAY TO DO IT

The creaky octogenarian was boasting of his longevity and announced:

"Yes, sire, I'll be 95 next month, and I can truthfully say that I ain't got an enemy in the world."

"Splendid!" exclaimed a friend, "but how did you manage that?"

"Simple enough," replied the old man. "I just outlived 'em all, by cracker!"

THE BARE FACTS

FIRST NEIGHBOR: "How is your wife coming along with her golf?"

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Radio Directors Earn Top Money, But Start Union Under AFL Flag

Washington, D.C. The men who guide the production of radio's top entertainment from enclosed glass booths and earn top salaries and fees for their work have decided to unionize in the AFL.

AFL Pres. William Green issued an international charter recently to the Radio Directors Guild as the 107th affiliate of the federation.

With a nucleus of 1000 members in New York, Chicago, Hollywood and Washington, the guild has a potential of 5000 in 860 radio stations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

George Zachary of New York is temporary president of the guild, which has the support of all other AFL unions in the radio field including the American Federation of Radio Actors and the American Federation of Musicians.

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PRESCRIPTION SPECIALISTS

Sen. Mead Asks Continuance of Probe on Graft

Washington, D.C.
Sen. James M. Mead (D., N.Y.) told newsmen that although he will resign as chairman of the Senate's war investigating committee, the probe of profiteering by war contractors will proceed if the group accepts his recommendations. Mead is resigning to devote his time to campaigning for governor of New York against Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican incumbent. He is expected to be succeeded as chairman by Sen. Harley Kilgore (D., W. Va.).

Railroad, shipbuilding and the aluminum industry will be targets of the forthcoming probe by the committee, Mead said, in an effort to expose all the facts about conversion to war production, reconversion and profits.

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order Sept. 19, 1946, by President W. J. Dickerson, 8 p.m.

Roll call showed eighteen delegates and ten local unions represented. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a copy of minutes from the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council and the B. & C.T.C. of Santa Clara County. Noted and filed.

A letter from the State B. & C.T.C. of Calif. calling attention to all friends of labor that they must register by Sept. 26, 1946, to enable them to vote in November.

A letter from the Calif. State Federation of Labor asking full support for the candidates endorsed by the Federation. Post on bulletin.

A letter from the State Federation of Labor giving instructions about Industrial Disability Insurance.

A copy of the Pile Butts news, Local Union No. 34.

Two news letters from the State Federation of Labor. File.

BILLS

All bills were ordered paid.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Bro. F. O. Easton reports that he has visited many jobs and finds most all jobs in good order. The UHL Co. will sign a B. & C.T.C. agreement as soon as they get started on their project. Had a report of men going to work at 6 a.m. and on investigation find non-union men working on a Mr. Stahl home. Had a call about J. A. Kelly, non-union painter, wanting to paint his home that had been moved by a local fair firm. The Carmel Builders Supply Co. is building a new lumber yard in East Monterey with non-union help.

Bro. S. M. Thomas reports on the Carmel Lumber Co. building with non-union help in East Monterey. J. O. Handy, manager.

By motion, the reports were accepted.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. J. O. Handy be cited to meet with the executive board. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Stahl be cited to meet with the executive board, provided no agreement has been reached before the time of the meeting. Carried.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Bro. J. L. Hagar, Painters L. U. No. 272—I was not able to attend the last meeting of my local as I had just lost my wife, but all men are working.

Bro. R. E. Estis, Painters L. U. No. 272—Held a well attended meeting and at a special order of business elected a business agent to work until Jan. 1, 1947.

Bro. Joseph Real, Brick Masons No. 16—We met in Santa Cruz, small attendance, but a fine get-together as they had not met in Santa Cruz for several years.

Bro. Harry Foster, Sheet Metal Workers No. 304—Good meeting, short session.

Bro. W. T. Evans, Carpenters L. U. No. 1323—Initiated nine new members, have several apprentices out of employment. Want instructor for the school class.

Bro. Perry Luce, Laborers No. 690—Initiated 31 new members, with returned soldiers and, clearance cards, we took in 40 new members.

Bro. M. Fales, Electric Workers No. 1072—Good meeting Sept. 9, Admission Day, had several protests against making Admission Day a B. & C.T.C. holiday. He also read a letter from one of the employers who closed his shop when other shops did not close.

Bro. Paul Chedester, Teamster L. U. No. 287—I did not get to our last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that the rent bill to Carpenters local of \$30 per month be paid. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that a letter of protest be sent to the Veterans Administration asking the cut in apprentice pay. Carried.

No further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. LONG, Sec.

THE DIFFERENCE

Willie: "Did Edison make the first talking machine, pa?"
Pa: "No, son, God made the first one, but Edison made the first one that could be shut off."

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"But I thought—" began the typist, meekly.

"It's not your business to think," snapped the manager. "Just you take down what I say, word for word, and keep your own ideas to yourself."

So that afternoon the following letter was brought for him to sign: "Dear Mr. Brown: Write it with an 'e'. Pure swank. His father was a gardener. With regard to your letter, of whatever date it was, I can quote you the following prices. Hi! Thompson! It's that outsider Broxne. How much shall we stock on? Twenty percent! Make it thirty? Right. Thirty dollars a ton. Awaiting your esteemed order, I am, yours truly. That'll settle him."

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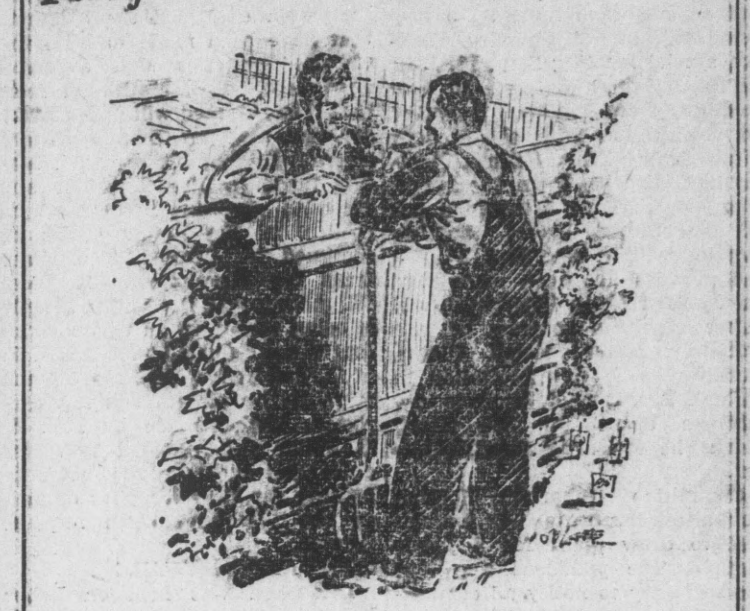
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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of Monterey County Central Labor Union, Sept. 13, 1946 called to order by President Deer at 8 p.m., with a salute to the Flag. The roll was called and absentees were noted.

Unions reports: Barbers, no meeting. Bartenders, no meeting. Butchers, routine meeting, 5 new members initiated. Laundry Workers, special meeting Sept. 11, 1946, to discuss new contract, 10 new members were initiated. Reported on negotiations with the Modern Linen Supply Co. of Salinas. Meeting held with Mr. Page, the owner, who has been on a vacation out of the United States. Another meeting will be held Sept. 17, and the promise has been made that the Modern Linen Supply Co. will either sign the contract or else definitely refuse. Retail Clerks, working hard on organization in Salinas. Bro. Donald Peters is now business agent for the Retail Clerks, he will assist Bro. Mathiesen.

Committee reports: Housing Committee has contacted an architect to draw plans for a Labor Temple. The president requested the secretary to notify all committee members as to their duties. Bills: Bills were paid. Motion made by Sister Boles and seconded by Brother George that the bills be paid. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Warehousemen's Local 890 referred to new business. Letter from Retail Clerks requested the Sausal and American Markets be withdrawn from the Council's "We Do Not Patronize" list referred to new business. Letter from Retail Clerks requesting strike sanction against certain retail grocers in Salinas referred to new business. Weekly News Letter referred to Legislative Committee. Convention Call to A. F. of L. convention, Oct. 7, 1946, read. Letter from Electrical Workers 243 read and referred to Organizing Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Brother I. Miller and seconded by Bro. Shinn to concur in Retail Clerks request to remove the Sausal and American Markets from the "We Do Not Patronize" list. Carried. Brother Mathiesen explained the attempts that have been made to have the Chinese groceries sign a union agreement. Bro. Mathiesen feels that if the Council will grant strike sanction, that the Chinese grocery stores will sign his contract. Motion made by Bro. I. Miller and seconded by Sister Boles that the request of the Retail Clerks be complied in. Carried. The letter from the Warehousemen's Local 890 stating that the Labor Temple is being rented to an organization that is not affiliated with the A. F. of L., and asking that the Council move if this situation is not corrected. Motion made by Bro. A. O. Miller and seconded by Sister Boles that the secretary write to Brother Agillo asking his opinion on the Warehousemen's request. Carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Discussion was held on Labor Unity in this area. Motion made by Bro. Courtwright and seconded by Bro. I. Miller that the Trustees purchase a suitable gift for the secretary, who held office in the 1945-46 term in appreciation of his efforts. Amended by Brother Mattart and seconded by Sister Williams that gift be approved by Council prior to its presentation at a meeting of the Council. Motion made by Bro. Fenchel and seconded by Bro. Hoegh that the original motion be table. Motion lost. Vote was taken on original motion and it was carried unanimously.

Financial report given by secretary. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. COURTRIGHT,
Secretary.

NAZIS DEAD? IT DOESN'T APPEAR SO!

Atlanta, Georgia.

Edward James Smythe of Washington, D.C., who claims credit for getting the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Bund together for a meeting in New Jersey, has announced that he will establish southern headquarters here "as soon as Gov. Arnall gets the hell out of office." Smythe, who is under federal indictment for sedition, admitted in a fiery letter to Gov. Ellis Arnall, that "I, and I alone, organized the meeting of the Ku Klux Klan at the German - American Bund's Camp Nordan in the state of New Jersey." He criticized a letter which Arnall reportedly wrote asking Pres. Truman's aid in a fight on the Klan. Smythe bitterly denounced the Jews, the Catholics, the Communists, the Justice Dept. and Arnall and made uncompromising references to Truman.

Smythe is the founder of the Protestant War Veterans of the U.S., an organization of which Georgia's Asst. Atty. Gen. Daniel Duke accused of being a "front" for the Klan. Smythe said he would establish southern headquarters in Atlanta for this order.

Duke said he has in his possession photostatic copies of a letter which Arnall wrote to Herr Hoffman in Bavaria, Germany, informing him of plans for a merger of the Klan and Bund and asking for more news releases from a German institution which was used in psychological warfare early in World War II.

Pome of Pashun

Jack and Jill
Sped down a hill;
With his hand upon her knee;
They were somewhat dismayed
At the foot of the grade,
When their car skidded into a tree.

Frances Perkins to Aid Women Through Civil Service Body

Washington, D.C.

Former Labor Sec. Frances Perkins stepped back into government service as Pres. Truman announced her appointment as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

Miss Perkins had resigned in June, 1945, from the cabinet post which she had held for 13 years through the Roosevelt administrations and the first two months of Pres. Truman's term. She is the only woman who has been a cabinet member.

She is expected to put her attention on improving the working conditions for women government employees, who number close to 600,000.

Republican Nominee Pledges Revocation Of Ku Klux Charter

Grayling, Michigan.

If elected governor Kim Sigler, Republican nominee, will back a measure to revoke the corporation charter of the Ku Klux Klan, he told a campaign meeting here. Sigler's statement was prompted by questions and rumors that he was linked with the Klan. The subversive group recently showed new signs of life in Michigan by filing a new name for resident agent with the corporation and securities commission at Lansing.

The Midtown Record, Detroit's only progressive community paper, recently launched a campaign to revoke the Klan state charter. "Maybe our pressure helped Mr. Sigler to reach his conclusion," said Editor Roy Lancaster in Detroit. He had vainly urged Harry F. Kelly, incumbent Republican governor, to take action against the Klan.

With Local 890 FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS WORKING AT THE S.P. MILLING COMPANY: This is to advise you that your Union is notifying the S. P. Milling Company for its Salinas, Chualar, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City branches that negotiations will take effect with regards to wages, hours and conditions. It will be necessary that you attend a special meeting to be held at the Foresters Hall, Salinas, California, on Thursday evening, October 10th at 9:00 p.m. so that you may reach an understanding on a new agreement. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING. Your wages and conditions require a change and it will be entirely up to you as to what proposals you may suggest so that this Company is approached with an agreement as to wages and hours that will have the approval of all the workers involved.

ATTENTION ALL PRODUCE DRIVERS: A special meeting has been called at the Foresters Hall, Salinas, California, for Monday, September 30th at 8:00 P.M. It is important that all drivers including drivers of bugs, silver kings, tractors, loaders and trucks, from Watsonville, Hollister and Salinas arrange to be present at this meeting. Your contract will be ready for your approval after which it will be submitted to the employers.

Immediately following the meeting, refreshments will be served upstairs. Will you kindly notify either our Watsonville office at 322 Walker Street, Telephone 2596, or our Salinas office, Main and John Streets, Salinas 4893, if you will attend so that we may act accordingly in the preparation of refreshments. Please do this at once.

It will be necessary that you have your books or other Union identification showing you are a member in good standing when attending the meeting. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING. Remember, Foresters Hall, Monday, Sept. 30th, at 8:00 p.m.

ICE INDUSTRY - Watsonville: Your contract with the National Ice, Pajaro Valley Ice, Apple Growers and Union Ice Company of Watsonville, expires December 8, of this year. We advise all of our members employed in the Watsonville ice industry to be at the next regular meeting which will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, Watsonville, on Wednesday evening, October 2, at 8:00 p.m., so that we may discuss a new agreement. Your Union is prepared to notify the employers council immediately following such a meeting. At this meeting a committee will be chosen amongst you to assist in preparing the ice agreement for Watsonville.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS IN THE SALINAS DISTRICT: Your union is bending every effort in order that the army authorities who control all of the vacated buildings at the air base release such buildings for civilian occupation. We have great hopes that good news will be forthcoming on this matter very soon.

We want all of our members to read their agreements over carefully, and to report violations of the agreements to the Shop Stewards or directly to the office of the union. By the same token, report any conditions to the office of the union which you may deem as unfavorable reaction although it may not be part of your agreement.

We want all of our members who are employed at the Terven Canning Company to know that every effort is being made in order that an early election is held at this cannery in spite of the stalling tactics of the CIO Tobacco Workers.

The following meetings are scheduled for the month of October. The regular meeting of Local 890 will be held at the Foresters Hall on Tuesday, October 1st, at 8:00 p.m. Division meetings will be held for the Watsonville area at the Odd Fellows Hall on Wednesday evening, October 2nd at 8:00 p.m. Regular meeting for the Gilroy division will be held at our hall at Gilroy at 53 West 6th on Tuesday evening, October 8th, at 8 p.m. Special initiation meeting day evening, October 8th, at 8 p.m. will be held at the Foresters Hall, Salinas, on Thursday, October 10th, at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT TO ALL PRODUCE DRIVERS: Do not forget the Special Meeting to be held at the Foresters Hall on September 30th, 8:00 p.m.

SAN JUAN: A meeting may be called for the month of October. If so, you will be notified a week in advance.

We wish to advise all of our members in all areas that you have gone to great expense to provide adequate facilities in order that you may best be served. You now have three offices; you have your general office in Salinas at Main and John Streets; you have your Watsonville office at 322 Walker Street and your Gilroy office at 53 West 6th Street. Remember to

pay your dues not later than the 15th day of the current month in order to be eligible for sick and death benefits. Carry your dues book with you at all times. If you cannot come to the office of the union to pay your dues, send them in by Postal Money Order. If you haven't received a copy of your Local Constitution and By-Laws, please call at any of our offices and one will be given you. Your union is also providing cellophane covers when a new book is issued.

Are you receiving the Monterey County Labor News?
Are you receiving the A. F. of L. Cannery Reporter?

WATSONVILLE CANNING COMPANY: The following are acting as shop committee at this Cannery: Ruby Kerner, Francis Victorini and Henry Sanchez.

C. B. GENTRY COMPANY EMPLOYEES: Your union has procured the necessary lumber in order that the C. B. Gentry Company can make seats and racks for our members. If these seats and racks are not made within the next two weeks, please notify the union.

PATRONIZE UNION SERVICES AND KEEP AN EAGLE-EYE ON PRICE CEILINGS. Report any violations to your local OPA board.

The following received sick benefits this week: Verna Barrett, Salinas; Walter Martin, Gilroy; Ben Geary, Salinas; Monica Teves, Salinas; Ernest Bixler, Gilroy.

TO SPIEGEL FOOD WORKERS: The Union and the Company are introducing a new type of stool for workers at the plant. This stool has adjustable legs and back. Two samples are being submitted for workers to inspect and try out. After the choice has been made, the stools will be installed as they arrive—one for every two women. All this leads to better labor relations, and we wish to think Ellis Spieg, John Sluder and the supervisory help at the plant for their cooperation.

I am glad that I am not a man, for then I should have to marry a woman.—MME. de STAEL.

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